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In re application of:

Mark J. Kittock and Humayun Qureshi

Serial No: 09/685,307

Filed: October 10, 2000

For: FLUID-MOVING DEVICE WITH A
CLEARANCE SEAL

Art Unit: 3676

Examiner: Pickard, Alison K.

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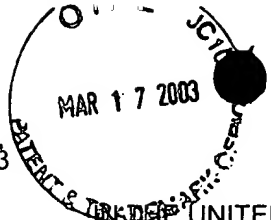
Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 17, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the text of the last paragraph on page 3 and the first paragraph on page 4 with the following text:

By eliminating a direct contact between the sealing member and the moving member, the present clearance seal assembly alleviates many of the problems associated with the conventional seals discussed above. In particular, the advantages of this approach include a minimal wear of the part, simplified assembly and maintenance, significantly improved reliability, and a decreased maintenance cost. The clearance seal of the present invention may be utilized in any device or system that requires drawing, moving, and dispensing of fluids. The invention may be particularly advantageous for use in high-precision pumps employed in analytical instrumentation. For example, a piston pump with a clearance seal manufactured in accordance with the present invention may be



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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status has been claimed. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
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TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	11	-	20	**	0	LG=\$18 SM=\$9 \$[FEE] \$ 0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	2	-	3	***	0	LG=\$84 SM=\$42 \$[FEE] \$ 0
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- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims
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Respectfully submitted,
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